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James R. Clapper, Jr., is the first civilian Director of the National Imagery and Mapping Agency. He retired as a Lieutenant General from the United States Air Force in 1995 after a 32-year career.

Prior to his NIMA appointment in September 2001, he worked at SRA International, Inc. as Vice President and Director of Intelligence Programs where he led programs for the command, control, communications, and intelligence business element. Before joining SRA in 1998, General Clapper was the Executive Director of Military Intelligence Programs for Booz Allen and Hamilton (1997) and Executive Vice President of Vredenburg, Inc. (1995).

General Clapper's last military assignment was as Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency. His earlier assignments included a variety of intelligence-related positions such as Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Headquarters USAF, during Operations DESERT SHIELD/STORM, and as Director of Intelligence for three war-fighting commands: United States Forces, Korea; Pacific Command; and Strategic Air Command.

General Clapper has served as consultant for the House Intelligence Committee, the former Defense Airborne Reconnaissance Office, the Defense Policy and Science Boards and as President of the Security Affairs Support Association. He has served on various government panels, boards, commissions and advisory groups.

General Clapper earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland in government and politics, a master's degree from St. Mary's University, San Antonio, Texas, in political science, and an honorary doctorate in strategic intelligence from the Joint Military Intelligence College.

His military awards include the National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Defense Distinguished Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Air Force Distinguished Service Medal and a host of other United States military and foreign government awards and decorations. He served two combat tours during the Southeast Asia conflict, and flew 73 combat support missions in EC-47s over Laos and Cambodia. He was named as one of the top 100 information technology executives by Federal Computer Week in 2001, has received the NAACP National Distinguished Service Award, and the Presidentially-conferred National Security Medal.